

EMPIRE STATE POLITICS.

HILL AND CLEVELAND MEN FIGHTING FOR THE SUPREMACY.

The Cleveland Men Win in Montgomery and Cayuga Counties, But There Will be Contesting Delegations—Orleans and Albany Counties Go for Hill and Flower.

ALBANY, Aug. 29.—The Democratic Conventions in the four Assembly districts in Albany county to elect delegates to the State Convention today, resulted as follows:

First District—Conway. Second District—Congressman Tracy, Anthony N. Brady, and James Rooney. Third District—Michael N. Nolan, Mayor Manning, and D. Cady Herriot. Fourth District—James McKee, Patrick Grogan, and Robert Tackett.

The State Convention delegates are for Russell P. Flower for Governor, William F. Sheehan for Lieutenant-Governor, and Simon W. Rosendale for this city for Attorney-General.

John Cunneen, Frank Acker, and John Cody were elected delegates to the Democratic Convention in Montgomery county.

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PRESIDENT HARRISON PASSED BY.

Col. Shepard on Hand as a Reception Committee at the Grand Central.

Only a faithful few had patience enough to wait at the Grand Central Station from 6:45 until 10:30 for the arrival of President Harrison.

Col. Elliott F. Shepard made up for that. He organized an impromptu committee, consisting of Gen. James W. Husted, General Superintendent Toucey of the New York Central, and Lieut. Henderson of the Second Artillery.

A small crowd, which was waiting for belated friends, furnished the cheering. The President shook hands with Col. Shepard and his party, and bowed to the rest. Then he got into a cab and was driven direct to the Desborough street ferry.

General Superintendent Toucey of the Pennsylvania road met the President here, and escorted him to his special train, which was waiting in Jersey City.

The special left for Cape May at 11:45 o'clock without the slightest demonstration.

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EMINENT REPUBLICANS CONFER.

Gen. Alger Just from War Harbor With News of Mr. Blaine.

The Republicans after the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday afternoon were concerned about an extended conference which was then in progress at the hotel.

Those present at the conference were Gen. James R. Clarkson, Chairman of the National Republican Committee, who had just arrived from the West; Mr. Blaine A. Alger, fresh from a visit to Mr. Blaine at Bar Harbor; Senator Hooker, who came down from Saratoga; ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt, and Collector Fassett.

It was learned that much of the conversation related to the tone to be adopted at the State Convention to be held at Rochester on Sept. 9.

Nobody would tell the result of the talk. Gen. Alger told his friends that he had left Mr. Blaine in excellent health.

This seemed to please them very much. Gen. Alger said:

"In view of the many stories printed in some newspapers that Secretary Blaine's health was in a shattered condition, I expected to my surprise, when I saw him, to find him strong and with his mental faculties never clearer or more vigorous. I grew indignant at the manner in which the condition of his health had been misrepresented. I went out driving with the Secretary several times, and he talked with me at his own volition about his health and his views on the management of the State Department affairs, and he told me that he would return to the department and resume work again on Oct. 1."

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FARMER DAVERN'S BANTER.

DE STAKES TEN DOLLARS AND LIVES HIS LIFE.

He Fought His Way Through a Mob. Then Uses a Knife—His Blood-Soaked Trench Coat—The Lord Gave Mr. John Simpson—An Italian Colony Settlers in Flight.

Four miles up the road which leads from Red Bank to Middletown, along the Shrewsbury River, is a settlement called Dillville. Here a large crowd of the Davern family lived. Of this family the strongest was young Tom Davern, who lived in the midst of the thirty-five fertile acres which supported his wife and the four children.

Friday afternoon Tom Davern started for Red Bank in a spring wagon with some garden stuff for the market. He was met by a crowd of men, who were waiting for him. They were all armed with knives and pistols.

At 6 o'clock they started for home, after taking many drinks. Davern, who was in very high feather, reined up at a little Italian settlement in the skirts of Red Bank. He wanted to bargain with one of the good-natured rascals who some of the stuff the rascals had brought from Italy.

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ORITARY.

Domestic Wagman, President of the Foreign Fruit Exchanges, 24 State street, and President of the Fruit Buyers' Union, died at 11:30, after a long illness.

He was born in Germany in 1824, and in 1851 came to this country. He was one of the originators of the foreign fruit trade in this country. He began his business career as a grocery clerk. His body will be buried at home in Jersey City for burial.

Mr. Wagman leaves a wife, two daughters, and four sons.

A picturesque figure in American amusements died yesterday at North Scituate Beach, Mass., in the person of "Old Father" Kemp, the originator of the "Old Folger" Concerts.

Mr. Kemp lived in Boston. He was born in 1824, and was 67 years of age when he died. He was a native of North Scituate, and was a member of the North Scituate Church.

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ITEMS FROM GERMANY.

Import Duties on Grain Will Be Suspended—Emphasis Hoyt Released.

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Berlin, Aug. 29.—The Order has been issued by the Imperial Government to suspend the import duties on grain for a few months, and the probable yield of wheat and rye. These reports are to be made before Sept. 8. A suspension of the import duties on grain is becoming a recognized necessity. The Ministry will not wait till November to submit the question to the Reichstag, but immediately upon the conclusion of the gathering and digesting of the statistics, will declare the duties suspended.

The mixing of rye with wheat has already been largely resorted to, and nothing but this mixture is now used for making bread for the army.

No precautions are now taken to arrest the popular notion for the suspension of the grain duties. In Hamburg, and in other popular centers, the Government is endeavoring to prevent the importation of grain, and to prevent the importation of grain, and to prevent the importation of grain.

The Freinacht-Zeitung has decided to oppose the main clauses of the Government's bill for the suspension of the import duties on grain. The main clauses of the bill are: That the import duties on grain be suspended for a period of six months, and that the import duties on grain be suspended for a period of six months.

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